

JOHNSON KEEN TO WIPE OUT RENT BOOSTING

Gives Congress Instances Where Extortionate Advances Were Demanded.

Purchase of the Washington Market Company by paying the company for its improvements, valued at \$500,000 on the part of the government, which has an assessed value of \$1,200,000 is recommended by Chairman Johnson, of the House District Committee, in a bill introduced by him yesterday.

Reintroduces Bill.

Mr. Johnson introduced a similar bill some time ago but was unable to get any action on it. He believes that a majority will be favorable to his bill which, though drafted after the fashion of the first one contains considerable changes.

He contends that the market company and its tenants were responsible for the high rentals the government was forced to pay.

Two other instances of extortionate rents were related to the House by Chairman Johnson.

He told of one case similar to that of Gen. Black's, where the wife of a man now in France with the Aviation Corps had just signed a lease for a house at \$25.00 had been notified by the real estate broker that the house had been sold and that she would have to move. It was learned that the house is to be rented furnished at \$50 a month.

The other case is that of a widow of a Congressman who has been occupying a rooming house on Vermont avenue. She said she had occupied this property two years and her patrons were government employees. First her rent was raised from \$10 a month to \$15; then to \$25 and then to \$50.

The owner now notifies her that he has sold the house to a real estate man, who now asks \$250.00. She has been notified to leave within thirty days, and says there is a sick woman in the house who cannot be moved. It is her understanding that the lodging house keeper who is to take the place proposes to pack six and seven persons in one room.

D. C. YOUTH ARRESTED ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Edw. E. Stein Is Accused of Stealing Two Watches.

Charged with breaking into the home of M. F. Simpson, 1212 Thirtieth street northwest, on December 3, last, and stealing two watches valued at \$50, Edward E. Stein, 18 years old, 1119 Sixth street northwest, was arrested yesterday by Headquarters Detectives Stringfellow and Emerson.

According to the detectives, looking as a telegraph messenger the time of the robbery, Stein had a message to deliver to Simpson's home. He was notified to leave one of the watches and the other was to be delivered to Simpson's home.

He will be held in the Court House.

LONG DELAYED SOLDIERS' MAIL CAUSES PROBE

House Directs Investigation Following Protest from Representative Madden.

"Deplorable condition" in the handling of mail sent American soldiers abroad are to be investigated under a resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Madden, of Illinois, and immediately agreed to.

The first step under this action will be a report from the Postmaster General, informing Congress of conditions and the reasons for them.

To Visit France.

Madden announced that he will leave in May for a trip of inspection along the western front, paying particular attention to mail and transportation conditions. He denied vigorously any political angles to his investigation. He is one of the Republican floor leaders.

Complaints have reached Madden of private mail to soldiers being delayed as much as seven weeks. Unlike most Congressional critics, he believes the army officers rather than the postoffice department is responsible.

"Many young officers," he said, "seem to have no conception of the importance of private mail. They fail to notify the central forwarding offices of the various movements of the units of troops."

"Mail breaks no records in getting to France, but that condition in part at least, unavoidable. Distribution after it gets there, according to the information I have now, can be greatly improved."

Barlenson Statement.

The Postoffice Department last night issued an appeal to soldiers' relatives not to burden the mails sent to the expeditionary forces with needless articles. Otherwise, it is stated, it may be necessary to curtail the parcel post privilege to soldiers.

A single transport going to France this month carried 3,14 tons of letters, and more than 113 tons of parcels and papers, filling a space 100 feet long, 10 feet high and 12 feet wide. The letters alone, it was stated, filled one of the small cars used on the French railroads.

Inspectors at New York and Chicago, searching for explosives and inflammables in one lot of mail for the soldiers abroad found: One thousand, six hundred and forty-two boxes of matches; 391 cans of solidified alcohol; 224 cigar lighters, 1,348 candles; 2,818 packages of candies; 1,331 bars of chocolate, a bouquet of flowers, a baby outfit, and a bottle of whiskey.

Army and Navy News

Best Service Column in the City

Following is a list of officers who have been relieved from their present duty, and have been detailed for duty on the staff of headquarters, Army Artillery. They have been instructed to proceed to Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction, Maryland, and report to the assistant chief of staff, headquarters Army Artillery, for assignment to duty. Lieut. Col. William A. Covington, Coast Artillery, national army; Lieut. Col. Frank J. Miller, Coast Artillery, national army; and Capt. Oliver L. Spiller, Coast Artillery Corps.

Capt. Alfred A. Biddle, Field Artillery, Reserve Corps, and First Lieut. Newell C. Bolton, Field Artillery, National Guard, have been instructed to report in person to Maj. Gen. John Biddle, national army, for appointment and duty as aides-de-camp on his staff.

Maj. Leonard H. Cook, Sixth infantry, has been relieved from assignment in that regiment.

The assignment of Maj. Douglas W. Johnson, national army, to intelligence duty on February 8, 1918, with station at New York, N. Y., has been announced.

A survey committee has been recently appointed by the War Department to deal with the industrial phases of the aeronautics program. In this connection the following statement has been authorized: "In line with the general policy of the Secretary of War to keep thoroughly advised of the detail workings of the various departments of the government and with the industrial conditions involved in the consummation of the various war programs, announcement is made of the appointment of a committee consisting of Mr. Snowden Marshall, of New York; Mr. Edward Wells, of the Babcock and Wilcox Company; and the third whose name will be announced later."

These men were chosen with a view of assembling a group of experts who by experience were well qualified to handle such problems as are expected to arise and whose advice would be really helpful in the carrying out of airship construction plans.

E. Lester Jones, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, this city, has been commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Signal Corps.

Four other residents of this city were named in the list of those commissioned. They are:

Mr. Randolph Burgess and Franz Schneider, jr., of the Council of National Defense, to be captains in the national army.

Alfred H. Polignin, at the American University, to be a second lieutenant in the Engineer Corps of the national army.

Gregory W. Lippert, of the Walter Reed General Hospital, to be a first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps, national army.

CHILDREN ASK NATION'S HYMN BE LEGALIZED

Loyalty League Members Want "Star Spangled Banner" Made Official.

Fresh steps to make "The Star Spangled Banner" by law the national hymn of America were taken in the Senate yesterday when Senator Borah, of Idaho, presented a petition of the Children of America, a Loyalty League organization.

This petition which, at the suggestion of Senator Borah, was referred to the Committee on Library, bears approximately 12,000 names of children who are enrolled in this patriotic association. It is signed by Mrs. Nat S. Brown and Mrs. Charles D. Potts, national president and secretary of the association respectively.

Addressing the Senate and House of Representatives, the children of the loyalty league have subscribed themselves to the petition, quoted in part as follows:

"I hereby pledge loyalty to our flag, loyalty to our country, loyalty to the President of the United States as Commander-in-Chief, support to the Red Cross of America and the military and naval branches of the Federation government, and come and ask that you grant our wish and petition that 'The Star Spangled Banner,' written by Francis Scott Key, may be made the national hymn of our country."

Attention is called in the petition that this hymn forms the trinity that represents America—flag, children and soldiers.

"Our soldier and sailor boys," the petition declares, "are going over to fight for us, and we want to let them carry with them 'The Star Spangled Banner' as the authorized hymn of their dear United States."

"The Star Spangled Banner" is universally accepted as this country's national hymn, but this bill would cause it to enjoy a legal standing as such, something it has hitherto lacked.

STAB WOUND RESULTS AFTER ALTERCATION

James Dent, Negro, Held on Assault Charge—Other Injury.

While working on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, near Anacostia Bridge yesterday afternoon John Williams, colored, 40 years, Deandown, D. C., caught his left foot in a switch and fractured his ankle. He was removed to Providence Hospital where his injuries were treated and later removed to his home.

Suffering from a stab wound in his left hip, said to have been inflicted by James Dent, negro, 18 years, 1106 Eighteenth street northwest, during an altercation in the basement of 1302 Eighteenth street northwest, Lafayette Russell, negro, 18 years old, 918 Eighteenth street northwest, was removed to the Emergency Hospital. His condition is not serious.

Dent was arrested by police of the Third Precinct and charged with assault.

James J. Corbett will edit the Sporting Pages of The Washington Herald tomorrow.

Washington Heights Presbyterian.

For the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church today Mrs. Charles Brooks Smith, organist, has arranged the following program: Organ prelude, "Spring Song" (Ashcroft); trio, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (A. S. Schuler); response, "Faith of Love, Our Guide and Friend"; offertory solo, "My Soul is Afloat for God" from "The Holy City" (Gaul); by Adolf Werner; postlude from "Sonata Op. 10" (Mark Andrews); Evening-Organ prelude, "Nocturne" (Jones); trio, "Unto Thee" (Curtis); offertory solo, "Still, Still With Thee" (Hawley); by Mrs. Agnes Bode; response, "Hear Us, O Father"; postlude, "Vocalist."

A quartet composed of Mrs. Agnes Bode, soprano; Mrs. William T. Reed, contralto; Oliver Smith, tenor; Edwin Callow, bass, with Mrs. Charles Brooks Smith, organist, rendered a program of especially selected numbers for the funeral services for Charles W. King, held at Washington Heights Presbyterian Church this week. Mr. King was chairman of the finance committee of the choir and was actively interested in the work of that organization. The selections sung were: "There Is a Land Mine Eye Has Seen" (Crownshield) with incidental music by Oliver Smith; "Lead Kindly Light" and "Rest in the Lord" from "Elijah" (Mendelssohn) by Mrs. Agnes Bode.

Metropolitan Baptist Services.

At the Metropolitan Baptist Church a special service closing Christian Endeavor Week will be held tomorrow night. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Societies will attend in a body and occupy a reserved section of the main auditorium. The ordinance of baptism will be administered by Pastor John Compton. He will preach on "Are You an E. C. or an A. C. E.?" The sermon topic in the morning will be "Living Stones in the Temple of God."

New York Avenue Presbyterian.

Noontime services for the closing of the church and the war have been appointed by the presbytery of this city to be held in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, beginning Saturday and continuing daily except Sunday, by Good Friday. They will be from 12:15 p. m. until 1 o'clock, and the leaders will be: Monday, March 18, Rev. W. J. Campbell, the moderator of the presbytery; Tuesday, P. J. Kelly; Wednesday, Rev. J. H. Taylor, of the Southern Presbyterian Church; Thursday, Dr. Charles Wood, of the Church of the Covenant; Friday, Rev. H. H. Rankin, of the German Reformed Church. The program for the following week will be announced later. The meetings will be held in the main church rooms and will be open to all.

Grace Baptist.

At the Grace Baptist Church, Ninth and D streets southeast, at 7:45 tomorrow night the subject, at the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Johnson's sermon will be "Was St. Patrick a Baptist?" In the morning the subject will be "There is Hope." Every effort is being made to welcome the strangers in the city.

Centennial Baptist.

The Rev. E. Hex Swem, of the Centennial Baptist Church, will preach both tomorrow morning and Wednesday evening services. Dr. Swem will baptize a number of persons. The auditorium of the church has large comfortable chairs and a special welcome is extended to the strangers in Washington.

Vermont Avenue Christian.

Rev. Dr. Earle Wilkey, pastor, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, who has spent the week in West Virginia delivering addresses on the war to miners, will return to the city today and will occupy his pulpit tomorrow morning and evening.

First Congregational Church.

William Stanfield, organist and musical director of the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, announces the following musical selections for next Sunday's services:

11 a. m.—Organ prelude, Largo, Handel; anthem, "The Wilderness" (Goss); offertory, quartet, "What a Morning to be in Jesus" (Goss); postlude, grand chorus, D. (Dehayes).

8:30 a. m.—Organ prelude, con-

From the Pulpits Around the City

RETURNERS FROM CHINA

Bishop Wilson S. Lewis.

Bishop Wilson S. Lewis, of Shanghai, China, recently returned to work for the 1918 Methodist Conference of Home and Foreign Missions, reports that the open door in China is most hospitable to education, especially on social, religious and national affairs. He describes the American missionaries as among the most active forces for democracy in China, and education is their weapon. Bishop Lewis will preach on plans for the centenary celebration of the mission work of his church in Metropolitan Church, Sunday morning, March 17.

"In three years' time the Chinese Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Foreign Missions hopes to be able to put one book a month of good, clean popular literature into the hands of the Chinese people, to awaken their interest in social, religious and national affairs."

"The Chinese government has set on foot an interesting movement to simplify the writing of Chinese characters. This will mean much to the ten thousand newspapers in the country, for the aim is to reduce the time required to learn to read and write that a boy now must study until he is 14 before he can read the newspaper may learn the same thing by the time he is 8 years old. In other words, the government seeks to cut nearly in half the time required to learn to read and write."

"That will mean to a nation of more than 300,000,000 if the time ever comes when compulsory education is enforced."

"But that millennium is far distant, and meanwhile the missionary is the great educator for China today."

"Already we have 32,000 students in our primary schools. In five years we will have 100,000. The Chinese want to build their schools in all their villages. They offer to supply the land and half the cost. In one conference alone we have seventy-three unfilled applications for primary schools."

"Our churches, together with our schools, are miniature republics spread throughout the country, by which the people learn their first lessons in self-government. They are the outposts of democracy. For instance, the only form of trial by jury known in China today is found in the discipline in the Methodist Church used when a member is tried by his peers."

"English is the language of education in China, and perhaps may be that of all China some day. If we are able to supply the primary and second-grade schools which the natives are demanding; these schools must be industrial and closely related to the life of the people. The school houses must be well lighted, well ventilated, sanitary, but simple in construction. Each school will not cost the mission over \$50 to build, and with its native teachers, more than \$20 yearly for upkeep. It seems a small investment for one of the direct steps in making the world safe for democracy."

cert prelude and fugue (Faulkes); "Alleluia" (Tolstendahl); "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (Dillon); choir, "Blessed Jesus," Fourth of Mercy" (Dvorak); soprano solo, "The Cross" (Ware); Mrs. Smart; anthem, "The Radiant Morn" (Woodward); offertory, "Rock of Ages" (Excell); organ postlude, finale sonata 1 (Borowski).

Quartet, Mrs. B. H. Smart, Miss Marian Lerner, Herbert F. Aldridge, J. Walter Humphrey and a chorus of fifty voices.

Immanuel Baptist.

"The Sad Mad Glad" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached by Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson, D. D., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Sixth and Columbia roads, Sunday morning, March 17. The pastor's evening sermon will be on "The Great Revival." The ordinance of baptism will be administered in the evening. Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, the regular weekly fellowship meeting will be held. Following this service, Maj. Eugene N. Sanctuary will teach the Sunday school lesson to a class composed of teachers and others interested in Bible study.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 the Camp Fire Girls will convene in the church hall. At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon Dr. Johnson will instruct Immanuel boys and girls in a class which meets in the spring for the study of important Bible truths. There will be a rehearsal for all members of the church choir at 7:30 Friday evening.

In the near future, a concert by the Criterion Male Quartet, of New York, will be given in this church, for the benefit of the choir.

Fifth Baptist.

Dr. E. F. Tatum, of Shanghai, China, who for thirty years has been a missionary to China from the Southern Baptist Convention and who is now president of the Shanghai Baptist College, is in America on furlough and will preach at Fifth Baptist Church tomorrow morning. The pastor, Rev. John E. Briggs, will preach at night and administer baptism. There will be special music and congregational singing. The large choir, using "Bible" Sunday song books.

Church of the Covenant.

Dr. Wood will preach at morning, afternoon and evening services. The evening service, 7:30, will be on "To Be Waited For." In the evening the topic is "Which Sovereigns—Caesar or Christ?" Mr. Carruthers preaches at 11 a. m. at the Central Presbyterian Church.

Christian Endeavor.

Sergt. Dim, of the Washington Barracks, is to lead the Christian Endeavor meeting this evening at 7:30, the topic being "How to Live With Others."

Congregation Meets.

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the Chapel, Thursday, March 21, 1918, at 8 o'clock p. m., and immediately thereafter the annual meeting of the church. The reports of officers and societies should be sent at once to Capt. J. G. Gilbert, clerk of the Session, for inclusion in the annual report. Amendments to the by-laws of the church are to be offered whereby the eldership is to be composed of officers and lay members. Members of the church are urged especially to attend this meeting, at which time reports of various activities will be given.

Pictures, not "moving," but a very unusual collection of pictures of Japan will be shown and described in the chapel of the church at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, March 22, by Miss McQuown, who has spent many years in the Japanese Empire. This is for the benefit of the League of the Covenant. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken, and light refreshments will be for sale after the service. The league is fortunate in securing the services of the Concert Orchestra for the evening, also.

Women's Home Missionary.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Washington City will meet in Sixth street, Sixteenth and Kennedy streets, on Tuesday, March 19, at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. M. J. Glidderlee, one of the secretaries of the women's board of Home Missions, is to speak. Box lunches will be served from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. and all the ladies of this congregation are urged to attend.

Surgical dressings! Why not do your war work at the Covenant Church? Twenty women are wanted Monday morning to make surgical dressings. If you can not possibly come in the morning, come in the afternoon. Girls in government may come at night. The League of the Covenant worked at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon in other words surgical dressings are made all day long Monday.

Girls' Choral Club.

The Girls' Choral Club has had the third of their regular monthly parties at the home of Miss Louise and Miss Margaret Proctor Tuesday night. A number of new girls were guests.

The Girls' Club is going to have its first party Monday night to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Invitations have been sent to 100 men who will be special guests at this affair. The next regular meeting will be March 25, the report of the activities of the club will be made at the Congregational meeting. Some remarkable figures are contained in it.

Walter Reed Account.

Rev. J. A. A. Brookhouse has opened an account which is called the Walter Reed Hospital Account at the bank. In this fund he expects to place sufficient funds to provide flowers and fruit for convalescent soldiers. Those who find it inconvenient to send books, candy, fruit, flowers, jelly, cake and knitted goods may send checks large or small, drawn to the Walter Reed Hospital Fund, Mr. Brookhouse, treasurer.

program of music, whistling and monologues will take place. After the singing of a permanent choir, the business of the evening, the refreshment committee will have charge of the rest of the evening. In order to make this affair a great success and the fore-runner of other affairs throughout the city, all in this congregation are invited to come and to constitute themselves committees of one to give friendly greetings to those who are away from home helping to win the war in their way as the soldiers and sailors are in theirs. If you will take a circle and become a "Mother Mixer," please call Mrs. Macfarland, Franklin 62, and offer your services. Dr. Wood will be in charge.

Secular League.

"Individual Liberty and Social Control" is the title of an address to be made by Percy H. Skinner at the meeting of the Washington Secular League, at Pythian Temple Sunday at 3 p. m. The address will be followed by an open forum discussion of the subject.

Laymen of Diocese to Meet.

A meeting of the laymen of the diocese of Washington, for those interested in the church is to be held at the Church of the Incarnation, Twelfth and North Street, tomorrow at 3:30, under the direction of the Rev. David Wellington Curran. Bishop Harding is expected to deliver an address.

The music is to be of a popular nature, and will be entirely congenial. There will be an open forum for the purpose of exchanging ideas and plans for the carrying on of the church work.

Christian Endeavor Society.

A joint social of all of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the downtown section of Washington will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Vermont avenue north of N street northwest, and a similar social for the northwestern section of the city will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road northwest.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Junior Christian Endeavor Union rally will be held at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Dr. Wilkey, the pastor of the church, will speak.

Monday evening, March 18, the activities of Christian Endeavor Week will terminate with a Christian Endeavor Union rally at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Senator Stroft, of Colorado, will speak. The "Flying Wedge" of the Christian Endeavor Union will take part in the services of the Christian Endeavor Society of the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow evening.

The regular downtown social for soldiers and sailors held at the various downtown churches will be given this evening by the Christian Endeavor Union.

Soldierless Social.

So many requests have come from different directions for a special social occasion to which civilians, men and women, should be invited that the Covenant has decided to try the experiment of excluding men in uniform. Prominent speakers are to make brief speeches and toasts of welcome to Washington's new and unacquainted residents. It is proposed to have this gathering in the church proper, after which the entire assembly will be invited into the chapel. Mrs. H. B. F. Macfarland, with a committee, has arranged forty-eight circles of chairs, representing the forty-eight States. Into these circles those present will be directed by a corps of social guides. Women whom Washington knows well will be in charge of the circles. After the shifting is complete a

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of Washington, 15th and H sts. w.

Subject: "SUBSTANCE."

SERVICES: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11 a. m. WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING, 8 p. m.

READING ROOMS: Colorado Building, 14th and G sts. Hours: 10 to 12 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30). 1885 Adams Mill rd. w. Hours: 10 to 9 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30). 1885 Adams Mill rd. w. Hours: 10 to 9 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30).

Y. W. C. A., 619 14th St.

Vesper service—12 p. m.

Speaker—Dr. G. G. Johnson.

Subject—"The Power of Jesus Christ."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Petworth M. E. Church, 930 N. Y. Ave., N. E., Minister, Rev. E. L. Williams.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon.

7:30 p. m.—Epworth League.

8:30 p. m.—Social in the chapel.

deavor Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Eighth and H streets northwest.

H. R. Ottomann, president of the Christian Endeavor Union, will speak at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Ninth Street Christian Church tomorrow evening.

On the evening of March 18, the Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church held a banquet at the church. The members of the army team, which was victorious in the recent society basketball tournament, were guests of the evening. Those present were: Miss Corinne Hutterly, captain of the army side; Miss Lydia R. Kaplan, the president of the society; Dr. Louie, pastor of the church; Mr. Louie Bais-Louis, Mr. R. Hickman, Mr. Chas. Bateman and Mr. George F. Muth. The banquet was followed by the monthly social, which was attended by a large number of strangers. The evening was made merry by St. Patrick's Day games.

St. George's Raby, evangelist superintendent of the Christian Endeavor Union, will speak at the service at the Christian Endeavor Society of the Ingram Memorial Church tomorrow evening.

COAL DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETS

Anthracite Men at Atlantic City Announce Their Plans.

Atlantic City, March 15.—Joseph B. Dickson, of New York, who with E. D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and W. J. Richards, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, have just been appointed distribution committee of anthracite coal by Dr. Garfield, at the Hot Springs resort, today announced some of the plans which will be followed by the committee in the supervision of the mining and distribution of anthracite coal.

"The duties of our committee, subject to the direction of the United States Fuel Administrator," said Mr. Dickson, "will be to stimulate production, that is, produce the greatest amount of anthracite coal by keeping all the mines operating to the fullest possible extent continuously throughout the year, to supply the requirements of the government, to balance apportion among the various States and communities in a manner that will be fair and equitable to all, and subject to the direction of the Federal General of Railroads, to advise as to the routing and distribution of coal from the time it leaves the mine until delivered in the various States and communities."

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Subject: "SUBSTANCE."

SERVICES: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11 a. m. WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING, 8 p. m.

READING ROOMS: Colorado Building, 14th and G sts. Hours: 10 to 12 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30). 1885 Adams Mill rd. w. Hours: 10 to 9 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30). 1885 Adams Mill rd. w. Hours: 10 to 9 (Wednesday, 10 to 11, and Sunday, 10 to 12:30).

Y. W. C. A., 619 14th St.

Vesper service—12 p. m.

Speaker—Dr. G. G. Johnson.

Subject—"The Power of Jesus Christ."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Petworth M. E. Church, 930 N. Y. Ave., N. E., Minister, Rev. E. L. Williams.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon.

7:30 p. m.—Epworth League.

8:30 p. m.—Social in the chapel.

program of music, whistling and monologues will take place. After the singing of a permanent choir, the business of the evening, the refreshment committee will have charge of the rest of the evening. In order to make this affair a great success and the fore-runner of other affairs throughout the city, all in this congregation are invited to come and to constitute themselves committees of one to give friendly greetings to those who are away from home helping to win the war in their way as the soldiers and sailors are in theirs. If you will take a circle and become a "Mother Mixer," please call Mrs. Macfarland, Franklin 62, and offer your services. Dr. Wood will be in charge.

Secular League.

"Individual Liberty and Social Control" is the title of an address to be made by Percy H. Skinner at the meeting of the Washington Secular League, at Pythian Temple Sunday at 3 p. m. The address will be followed by an open forum discussion of the subject.

Laymen of Diocese to Meet.

A meeting of the laymen of the diocese of Washington, for those interested in the church is to be held at the Church of the Incarnation, Twelfth and North Street, tomorrow at 3:30, under the direction of the Rev. David Wellington Curran. Bishop Harding is expected to deliver an address.

The music is to be of a popular nature, and will be entirely congenial. There will be an open forum for the purpose of exchanging ideas and plans for the carrying on of the church work.

Christian Endeavor Society.

A joint social of all of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the downtown section of Washington will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Vermont avenue north of N street northwest, and a similar social for the northwestern section of the city will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road northwest.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Junior Christian Endeavor Union rally will be held at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Dr. Wilkey, the pastor of the church, will speak.

Monday evening, March 18, the activities of Christian Endeavor Week will terminate with a Christian Endeavor Union rally at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church. Senator Stroft, of Colorado, will speak. The "Flying Wedge" of the Christian Endeavor Union will take part in the services of the Christian Endeavor Society of the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow evening.

The regular downtown social for soldiers and sailors held at the various downtown churches will be given this evening by the Christian Endeavor Union.

Soldierless Social.

So many requests have come from different directions for a special social occasion to which civilians, men and women, should be invited that the Covenant has decided to try the experiment of excluding men in uniform. Prominent speakers are to make brief speeches and toasts of welcome to Washington's new and unacquainted residents. It is proposed to have this gathering in the church proper, after which the entire assembly will be invited into the chapel. Mrs. H. B. F. Macfarland, with a committee, has arranged forty-eight circles of chairs, representing the forty-eight States. Into these circles those present will be directed by a corps of social guides. Women whom Washington knows well will be in charge of the circles. After the shifting is complete a

THE CHURCH AND THE WAR.

Noontime Services in N. Y. Avenue Presbyterian Church.

N. Y. Ave., H and 13th Sts.

March 18-March 29

From 12:15 P. M. to 1 P. M. Each Day Except Saturday.

By Appointment of the Presbytery of Washington City.

EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Church, LAFAYETTE SQUARE.

REV. ROLAND COTTON SMITH, D. D., REV. EDWARD STUART DUSTAR, M. A., REV. GEORGE WILLIAMSON SMITH, D. D.

8:30 a. m.—Holy Communion.

11:30 a. m.—Morning prayer and service.

4:30 p. m.—Evening prayer and service by Rev. Robert Talbot.

7:30 a. m.—Sunday church school.

Daily services at 10:15 and 4:45.

East Sunday, 4:15 p. m.—Announcement of York will preach.

St. Margaret's, 1000 N. Y. AVE. AND BANCROFT PLACE.

Rev. HERBERT BOOTH SMITH, D. D., Rector.

Rev. WILLIAM CURTIS WHITE, Associate.

Sunday, 7:30 and 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

The rector will preach at 11.

The Rev. Mr. White at 8.

All welcome always.

St. Stephen's, FOURTEENTH AND K STS. N. E.

Rev. GEORGE E. DUDLEY, Rector.

SUNDAY SERVICES—7:30, 11 A. M. AND 8 P. M.

St. Mark's, THIRD AND D STS. S. E.

Rev. C. R. STICKSON, Rector.

Sunday, 7:30, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd, SIXTH AND I STREETS N. E.

Rev. C. E. ABBOTT, Vicar.

Sunday, 7:30 and 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Soldiers and sailors cordially invited.

Sunday night—Informal social and tea for soldiers and sailors, 6:30 to 8 p. m.

UNITARIAN.

All Souls' Church, Corner Fourteenth and L Streets.

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